

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 (cancelled)

22. (new) A method for retrofitting a power port assembly on board an aircraft to accommodate additional connectivity for communicatively connecting a portable electronic device to an on-board service system, said method comprising:

removing a face plate from a power port box connected to an aircraft passenger seat, the face plate including an opening for providing access to a power port housed within the power port box;

routing a first end of a data communications cable into the power port box adjacent the power port;

connecting the first end of the data communications cable to a data port integrally formed with a replacement cover that includes an opening for providing access to the power port;

connecting a second end of the data communications cable to an on-board service system; and

coupling the replacement cover to the power port box in a spring loaded manner such that the data communications cable is enclosed within the power port box, thereby enabling a passenger to connect a portable electronic device to the data port in order to communicatively connect the on-board service system.

23. (new) The method of Claim 22, the method further comprising:

routing a first end of a plurality communications cables into the power port box adjacent the power port;

connecting the first ends of the communications cables to a plurality of data ports integrally formed with the replacement cover;

connecting a second end of each communications cable to the on-board service system; and

coupling the replacement cover to the power port box in a spring loaded manner such that each communications cable is enclosed within the power port box,

thereby enabling at least one user to connect a portable electronic device one of the data ports in order to communicatively connect the on-board service system.

24. (new) The method of Claim 23, wherein the data ports are adapted for connection to a plurality of electronic device interfaces.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings includes changes to Figure 1.

The attached "Replacement Sheet," which includes Figures 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including Figures 1 and 2. Formal drawings will be filed upon approval of the submitted changes.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet